MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) The College of Arts has been affiliated to the University of Madras in Philosophy and the College of Science in Mathematics (Hons). The answer is in the negative in respect of the affiliation of the College of Science in Geology.

(2) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (1).

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether there was any particular reason for not applying for affiliation to the University in Geology?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government have not given any orders to make the application and before making the application we have to be sure whether we have got the necessary facilities for starting the class. That enquiry was being made.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Did not the Government ask for an affiliation in these three subjects together?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): The first part of my question *re* Geology has not been answered.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. The answer is in the negative in respect of the affiliation of the College of Science in Geology. That is what the answer says.

Institution of the Geology Chair.

225. MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): (*a*) What steps have the Government taken for the establishment of the Geology chair in H. H. the Maha Raja's College of Science as announced by the Dewan in his address to the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly in 1925?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state what difficulties, if any, stand in the way of establishing the Geology chair while the other two chairs referred to in the address, *viz.*, the Philosophy chair in the Arts College and the Mathematics (Hons.) chair in the Science College, have already been established?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The Director of Public Instruction was asked to submit the necessary proposals on the matter. He roported that, with the existing accommodation in the College of Science, classes in Geology cannot be opened and that the question can be taken up for consideration only after additional plots of land adjoining the College compound are added to it and new buildings erected.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): May I know what is the nature of the accommodation that is required?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): A two-storied building with six rooms is said to be required.

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MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*) : Who was the officer concerned who said this ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The Principal of the College.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*) : But what was the nature of the accommodation that was required for the Honors Class in Mathematics ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : I rise to a point of order as to whether it arises from this. The question is about Geology.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : It does not arise.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*) : Will not small rooms available in the College itself be sufficient ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The Principal has reported that the existing rooms in the College will not be available for that purpose.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*) : Is it the intention of the Principal that there should be very large class rooms for teaching Geology ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : For the classes to be opened, certain minimum requirements are necessary and the minimum was said to be six rooms, *i. e.*, one lecture room, one for the museum, a microscope room, a room for the draftsmen, a room for the members of the teaching staff and a room for the library. These are the six rooms that are required.

Geology Chair in His Highness the Maha Raja's College of Science.

226. **MR. R. PADMANABHAN** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they had a few years ago expressed their intention to open a Geology chair in H. H. the Maha Raja's College of Science; and

(*b*) if so, why it was not carried into effect ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes, in February 1925.

(*b*) The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 225.

Enhancement of price of land through speculation.

227. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : (*a*) Are the Government aware that the price of land for the cultivation of ordinary food crops and other necessary purposes in the State has been abnormally enhanced in recent years owing to the fact that large areas of *puduval* lands in all convenient regions have been acquired from the Government by rich or influential persons for purposes of speculation and not for early utilisation or productive purposes ?

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